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Amash recognizes service academy appointees and Congressional Medal of Merit recipients

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.) recognized the 2019 service academy appointees and student Congressional Medal of Merit recipients from Michigan's Third District at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum on Saturday, May 4.

Applicants to the service academies require a nomination from an authorized nominating source, which includes members of Congress. To assist with the nominating process, Amash assembled a committee of military and civic leaders who reviewed applications, interviewed potential nominees, and made recommendations.

In addition to the 12 service academy appointees recognized, Amash honored 34 students with the Congressional Medal of Merit. The Congressional Medal of Merit recognizes high school seniors who have demonstrated exemplary citizenship and academic excellence. Recipients were nominated by their principals or guidance counselors.

The list of service academy appointees and Congressional Medal of Merit recipients follows.

Service Academy Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Service Academy</u>
Elle Bennett	Forest Hills Eastern High School	United States Military Academy
Audra Bloch	Battle Creek Central High School	United States Merchant Marine Academy United States Military Academy
Diego Campos	St. Philip Catholic Central High School	United States Naval Academy
Patrick Carattini	Kellogg Community College	United States Air Force Academy
Maximus DeBack	Cedar Springs High School	United States Air Force Academy
Jack Horton	Hastings High School	United States Military Academy
Nolan Kersten	St. Philip Catholic Central High School	United States Military Academy
Sarah Lyon	Lakeview High School	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Ethan Margot	Rockford High School	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Owen Pyper	East Grand Rapids High School	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Ian Rodriguez	Rockford High School	United States Air Force Academy
Noah Stout	Forest Hills Central High School	United States Air Force Academy

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Congressional Medal of Merit Recipients

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Ethan Baker	Cedar Springs High School
Niyah Banfill	Rockford High School
Elle Bennett	Forest Hills Eastern High School
Logan Brown	East Kentwood High School
Nevaeh Burns	Homer Community Schools
Marcus Cisco	Byron Center High School
Karlee Coddens	Marshall High School
Mia Diaz	City High Middle School
Emily Edwards	Belding High School
Abby Frost	Ionia High School
Allen Gibson	Lakewood High School
Anahi Gonzalez	Northview High School
Katherine Haywood	Hastings High School
Irene Hibbard	St. Philip Catholic Central High School
Elizabeth Jahns	Creative Technologies Academy
Myles Kerner	Kenowa Hills High School
Luke Koenigsknecht	West Michigan Aviation Academy
William Marsh	East Grand Rapids High School
Nodia McLaughlin	Union High School
William Morley	Gerald R. Ford Job Corps
Julian Pearson	Grand Rapids University Preparatory Academy
Zackery Post	Lowell High School
James Pritchard	Marshall Academy
Correna Rozeboom	Plymouth Christian High School
Katherine Rudolph	NorthPointe Christian High School
Summer Russman	St. Patrick High School
Jack Schichtel	West Catholic High School
Alexis Sterk	South Christian High School
Noah Stout	Forest Hills Central High School
Ngun Sung	Lakeview High School
Isaiah TenHuisen	Grand Rapids Christian High School
Zachary VanHekken	Forest Hills Northern High School
Kathleen Weis	Sacred Heart Academy
Anthony Weykamp	Wellspring Preparatory High School

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